



# ARMY ACQUISITION REFORM



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## *Reducing Cycle Time*

**A contract award for 10 components of the M139 Area Weapons system used with the AH-64 APACHE helicopter is expected to reduce administrative lead times from 6 months to a week or less. In Nov 97, TACOM-ACALA awarded the multi-line fixed price requirements type contract to Lear Astronics Corp. that will total \$8.5M over its 5-year maximum term.**

## *CEU Sponsorship Approval*

**The International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) granted authority to the Career Management Directorate (SARD-PM) to be an approved Continuing Education Unit (CEU) Sponsor, effective 12 August 1997. As a sponsor, the Directorate markets and administers the CEU program and ensures that the training is relevant to competency. SARD-PM awards CEUs to individuals who complete Acquisition Reform training sponsored by SARD-PM. Steps are being taken to expand CEU sponsorship to include Executive and Management Education programs.**

## *Commercial Packing of 5.56mm Ammunition Saves*

**For the first time, in lieu of metal ammunition cans and wire bound crates, the Lake City Army Ammunition Plant (LCAAP) packed rounds of the 5.56mmM855 training ammunition in commercial packaging. The benefits of this alternate packing method for small caliber training ammunition are reduced packaging costs (from over \$34 to less than \$15 per 1,000 rounds) reduced weight, reduced GFM and warehousing requirements, reduced disposal costs. The new pack compliments the Direct Vendor Delivery approach and is environmentally friendly.**